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KETTERING MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Prior criminal record means mandatory ten-year minimum sentence

DAYTON - James Partin, age 43, of Kettering pled guilty in United States District Court here today to one count of possession of child pornography. Because Partin has a prior state conviction of a pornography-related crime, he faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years imprisonment and up to 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announced the plea entered today before Senior United States Judge Walter H. Rice.

According to a statement of facts filed with Partin's plea, he possessed visual depictions of children under the age of 18 engaged in sexually explicit conduct when ICE agents searched his residence on August 10, 2004.

Forensic examination of his computer determined that he possessed approximately 14 still images on his computer. He had downloaded the pictures from the Internet.

"Investigators determined that these images depicted actual children engaged in explicit conduct," Lockhart said. "We will prosecute people who possess child pornography because they create a market for those who exploit children. Repeat offenders face particularly harsh sentences under federal law."

Partin faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years imprisonment because he was convicted in 1999 in Franklin County, Ohio of 18 counts of child pornography-related crimes. Judge Rice will set a date for sentencing.

Lockhart commended the ICE agents who investigated the case and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who is prosecuting the case.

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